(a) what are the details of Committees, Boards and Corporations which have been constituted in Government and semi-Government undertakings under his Ministry;

(b) what are the functions of such Committees , Boards and Corporations;

(c) whether adequate representation on each of these Committees, Boards and Corporations has been given to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes persons; and

(d) if so, what are the names and particulars of such Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes persons appointed to such Committees, Boards and Corporations under the Ministry?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) to (d) The desired information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Setting up of vanaspati plants in Bihar

994. SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that letters of intent for setting up three vanaspati manufacturing plants in Bihar have been rejected by Government;

(b) whether Government propose to grant at least one letter of intent for setting up the plant in a 'No Industry district' of Bihar?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) In terms of the guidelines evolved in February, 1982 in the matter of vanaspati licensing, priority is to be given to the ceoperatives of oilseeds growers' and public sector units. Since the capacity that was sought to be created was accounted for by the units from among these two categories, applications pertaining to joint and private sectors were recommended for rejection. It is for this reason that no letter of intent for vanaspati manufacture has so far been recommended for Bihar State.

(b) The matter regarding creation of further capacity in the country is engaging the attention of the Government.

Irrigation projects in forest areas of Bihar

995. SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the permission of the Central Government is required for use of forest land for carrying on irrigation projects in the forest areas;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the permission has not been given to the Tapkara and Latratk irrigation projects of Chhotanagpur region in Bihar; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Under the Forest Conservation Act (1980), wherever submergence of Forest land is involved, clearance from the Ministry of Agriculture is required.

(b) and (c). The Ministry of Agriculture have informed that they have not received any proposal regarding Tapkara and Latratk irrigation projects.